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Wholesale Textbook Prices Up

By DAVID P. SCHAMUS
City Editor

Rising wholesale textbook costs will again have their effect as Valley College students begin the spring semester. Joe Rizzo, bookstore manager, recently reported that wholesale textbook prices have increased about 10 percent in the past year.

Cancelled classes and book sales below anticipated levels also have an effect on bookstore prices.

"We often take heavy losses on books which are ordered and never sold. Sometimes we can return the books, but we end up paying the shipping charges and restocking fees," said Rizzo.

Rizzo notes that because spring semester books must be ordered in mid-November it is difficult to predict the exact need for textbooks at Valley. "Class cancellations, late schedules all have their effect," he said.

Though each of the college campuses is responsible for ordering books and supplies, any profit made by the bookstore is placed in the district budget. "Not all campuses make a profit," notes Rizzo, adding that Valley is one of the campuses whose budget shows a profit.

The Valley Bookstore showed about a $50,000 profit last year," says Rizzo, adding, "This is an inflated figure because our budget does not reflect costs for utilities, rent, or custodial services." He feels that if Valley's bookstore were a business, it would be questionable as to whether it would be profitable.

Norm Schneider, public information officer for the Los Angeles Community College District, notes that profits from the Valley bookstore will go into the Bookstore fund for the district and may be used to offset losses in other LACCD bookstores.

Rizzo points out that large bookstore chains receive breaks in wholesale pricing due to volume purchasing that are not available to the Valley College bookstore. District-wide purchasing was discussed but Rizzo indicates that the need for a central warehouse and additional clerical staff would make this less efficient than the present purchasing system.

All of these factors will contribute to the high cost of textbooks for LAVC students this spring.

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BOOKSTORE INCREASE — Bill Maul stamps the prices of books destined to be sold to Valley College students. Wholesale textbook prices have increased about 10 percent in the past year.

Valley Student Raped; Suspect Apprehended

By CINDY MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

A Valley College student was raped and robbed after being abducted at gun point from campus during daylight hours Jan. 28, stated Captain of the Campus Police Wally Gudzus.

Los Angeles Sheriff's deputies took a suspect into custody and retrieved the woman's car approximately 36 hours later, said Gudzus.

At 10:15 a.m., while on her way to a final, the student parked her car in Lot D near Ethel and Oxnard. As she stepped out of the car, a man forced her back into the car at gun point.

The suspect, described as a teenage Black male. then forced her to drive to the Hollywood Hills near Mulholland Drive, where he raped her, stole $50, and stole her car.

The woman, 19, whose name is being withheld upon her request, walked down Cahuenga to Hanna-Barbera Studios, where a security officer contacted police.

A sheriff spotted the victim's 1977 Chevy Caprice at 6 a.m. the next day, Jan. 29. The Caprice was stopped in the Lennox-Compton area with three suspects in it.

The sheriff questioned the people in the car and learned the name and address of the person who lent them the car.

At 7:30 p.m. the sheriff apprehended the 17-year-old suspect, who was taken from his home in handcuffs and put in custody for the alleged rape and double robbery of the Valley student. "I'm glad they caught him as soon as they did. The police should be commended," remarked Gudzus.

"Since this terrible incident we will have more campus police roving the parking lots," said the captain. "But this was a fluke; it happened in broad daylight."

At the suggestion that more students should take self-defense classes offered at Valley, Gudzus retorted, "What can you or anyone do against a gun?"

Rape Prevention Programs Offered

A short-term course in rape prevention and self-defense called "Counter Assault" is being offered four Tuesdays and started on Feb. 3 to continue through Feb. 24. Classes will be held in the Wrestling Room of the Men's Gym. The fee is $15 and anyone interested may call 994-3698.

Community Services is offering a series of two-hour workshops on self-defense by the use of tear gas. The program is open to both men and women.

Classes will meet every Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from noon to 2 p.m. Registration is $30. The price includes a tear gas license and a cannister of tear gas. For reservations in this workshop and additional information, phone Community Services Office, Ext. 410.

L.A. Metro Receives Approval

Los Angeles Metropolitan College has received full accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Metropolitan, the newest of the 10 Los Angeles Community Colleges, serves military personnel and their dependents at 70 locations, mostly in the Far East.

The commission reviewed the colleges self-study and the report of its own evaluation team, which visited overseas program sites, before granting the accreditation. The commission action marked the final step for Metropolitan in its quest for official status. Last December the California Community Colleges Board of Governors unanimously approved the college.

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SPECIAL BOOKSTORE HOURS

Special Bookstore hours are in effect now through Feb. 13. It will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Normal hours will resume on Feb. 16.

New Grading Standards

District Policies Changing

By JAN BERMAN
Staff Writer

Unless the computer goes "down," it's easy to enroll in a class at Valley College and just as easy to withdraw from the class without completing the work. At least, that's the way it's been, but as of July 1, 1981, when the Los Angeles Community College District will adopt a new policy of grading standards, there will be a lot of changes.

"It was overdue," said Anatol Mazor, dean of instruction at LAVC. "Grading practices have been too desparate among the various districts in the state. The standards have been so different they've led to confusion when students transfer from one school to another," Mazor said.

Probation will be required, with no exceptions permitted.

"In the past," said Hugh L. Moore, assistant dean of instruction, "LAVC has been rather permissive on probation. There are always some students who are enjoying the social life and haven't gotten with the academic life. Yet, you don't want to put down someone who's trying."

The State is setting up minimum standards.

"Apparently, each college will set up its own standards for probation and will have to enforce them," said Moore.

Standards for removal from probation will be required as well as standards for dismissal.

"We haven't had a standard for dismissal," he said. "That will have to be tied down."

The symbol for withdrawal, W, may or may not be used; each district makes its own policy. If it is permitted, said Moore, "then the student will have to make a hard commitment."

The rules provide for the faculty to be involved in making the decision of whether to use the W, and, if not, then to decide how records will be maintained for non-attending students. It must be decided when it will be permitted (through the 14th week or 75 percent of the term, for example) and whether earlier withdrawal will show on students' records. Excessive W's are required to be used in determining probation and dismissal procedures.

"W's have concerned us," said Moore. "We seem to have an enormous amount of W's. A student who starts each semester and never finishes is going to be penalized. Each college will deal with its own unique situation, but they will have to have standards."

Moore feels that "students have too many pressures and often can't help dropping classes after they begin." He also thinks that "teachers are fighting back for a domain that is secure. It is extremely frustrating for the teacher when a student comes into class the third week and drops at the 10th. The teacher prefers the student to take the entire course."

The new policy also deals with grade changing, "the touchiest area from elementary school on," stated Moore.

"We have to give instructors the authority to make grades," he said, "and state law forbids us from changing those grades."

If a student feels that a grade is unjust, the student must prove it is not a valid grade as in "basic law."

"Students can't just say it's not valid for ego purposes, but must say "why it's not valid and have proof," said Moore.

Besides the "W," there are only three non-evaluative symbols permitted: "I" for incomplete; "IP" for a grade still in progress; and "RD" for report delayed.

"I" is a permissive symbol but instructors are not required to use it. When it is used, specific conditions for its removal must be recorded and given to the student. Policies must be dropped to enable students to petition for an extension of time.

"IP" is used for a project planned beyond the computer's date for completing grades," said Moore. "It allows us another way of meeting needs of students."

An example of this might be a political science class that wanted to finish its semester work by watching the inauguration and handing in a

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Survey Reveals Students' Needs

By RUTH LEW
Staff Writer

Results of a survey filled out by 500 evening students have been tabulated by the Associated Student Body (ASB) council and the Knights and the Coronettes.

"The survey was taken to determine the needs and suggestions of the evening students," said Steven Llanusa, Evening Division commissioner.

The questionnaire was distributed between Dec. 15 and 17, 1980. Stations were set up at the library, quad, computer room, and the bungalow areas during the hours of 5:30-9 p.m.

According to the survey, more than half of the students polled suggested that the Business, Placement, and Financial Aid Offices should extend their hours. The need for extended Business Office hours was especially stressed.

"I was pleased and surprised that three-fourths of the students were satisfied with the cafeteria food services," said Llanusa.

"Although day and evening child care is available, 72 percent of the evening students also want an infant care center," explained Llanusa.

More than half of the surveyed students did not know that financial aid is available to students with six units or more, or that ASB meets the last Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. for the benefit of the evening students, stated Llanusa.

Activities students expressed interest in seeing offered on campus, in order of preference, are movies, speakers, concerts, dances, and performers.

About 52 percent noted that they would attend campus activities during the hours of 5-7 p.m. Also, many of those surveyed did not know what the initials ASB stood for.

Some of the additional comments and requests made were that the library should be opened until 10 p.m., that more counselors should be on duty for counseling at night, and that the survey was a great idea.

Llanusa explained his reasons for distributing the survey to night students.

"No one was coming to me with ideas," he said. "So, I had to go to them."

Star Photo by Dave Polinsky

CHANCELLOR COMMENTS — Dr. Leslie Koltai, Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor, fields questions from the Associated Student Body Executive Council during a recent meeting at Valley College. Student Body President Suheel Ghareib looks on. See related story on Page 6.

Elections Validated By Supreme Court

By ERIN L. MOORE
Staff Writer

Allegations of fraud in the Spring 1980 student body elections were brought before the LAVC Supreme Court on Jan. 13 in a complaint filed by Richard Cowsill.

In a unanimous decision, the court ruled that although there were irregularities involving 13 votes, this alone was not enough to affect the outcome of the election. Therefore, the election will still be considered valid.

According to Lisa Perez, Chief Justice, the complaint involved alleged fraud on the part of Tony Tobey, poll worker at the cafeteria election booth. Cowsill claimed that Tobey allowed 20 to 60 people to vote more than once using fictictous names and I.D. numbers.

Cowsill, who was ASB president Suheel Ghareib's campaign manager during the election, claimed that both he and Ghareib knew of the alleged fraud during the election.

Ghareib denied knowledge of any impropriety and said, "He told me to go and speak to every class and he would do the rest."

Cowsill said he decided to complain because he did not like the way Ghareib was running the office of president.

Asked why he did not file a complaint when he first learned of the alleged fraud, Cowsill said, "I was busy with the election and other complaints."

Ghareib attributed the complaint to Cowsill's quest for power in student government, and said, "He thought he could run this office, but he can't."

Tobey could not be reached for comment.

Although 13 students cannot be accounted for, this does not necessarily mean that vote fraud was involved, explained Ray Follosco, coordinator of student affairs.

"We simply cannot locate the students anywhere," he said. "Whether they are actually enrolled, I don't know."

This, however, might indicate an even bigger problem: Students enrolled without being accounted for. This matter is currently being looked into.

Follosco said that in order to prevent the possibility of vote fraud in the future certain precautions will be taken. They include manning each polling place with two people, and having students show picture identification when they vote.

NewsNotes

CLUB DAY

Spring Club Day is scheduled to be held on Feb. 26. Applications are available today in CC 100. Deadline for returning applications is Feb. 12 at 4 p.m.

The newly-appointed chairperson of Club Day committee is Barry Marrone. This semester's Club Day theme is "Valley College with Pride."

ATTORNEY ON CAMPUS

Attorney Byron Finley will be on campus Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in CC 100 for private consultations on criminal law, felony and misdemeanor. To set up an appointment call Ext. 243.

BOOKSTORE REFUND

The last day for a full refund for books purchased for the Spring '81 semester is Feb. 20, stated Joe Rizzo, store manager.

Any student wishing a refund on books after a check is written must wait 21 days. A credit slip is available upon request before Feb. 20.

PATRONS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Patrons Association is accepting applications for its Spring '81 semester scholarships, which will be in the amount of $90. Applications can be obtained in either the Financial Aids Office, or Student Affairs Office, CC 100. Deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 27.

LATE REGISTRATION

Late registration for the Spring '81 semester at Valley College will continue until tomorrow at 3 p.m., announced Bernard Van Vlaenderen, assistant dean in charge of admissions.

The office of admissions is opened from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BROCHURE

Valley College Community Services' new brochure is now available with information about non-credit offerings ranging from assertion training and weight control to dancing, quilting, and self-management to chronic pain. Copies may be obtained on campus and by phoning the Community Services Office, Ext. 390.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Feb. 12 is the deadline for filing applications for financial aid from the California Student Aid Commission for the 1981-82 school year, announced Assemblyman Howard L. Berman.

Several types of undergraduate grants are available for use at four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, and vocational schools. Applications may be obtained at the Valley's Financial Aids Office.

LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE LIBRARY PERIODICALS

STAR EDITORIALS

The Valley Star's position on issues is discussed only in the editorials presented on this page. Star editorials are the unanimous viewpoint of the Editorial Board. Columns on this page are the opinions of individual staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of the Star. Staff cartoons do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the artist.

Students Tell No Tales

On Tuesdays at Valley College some students are speechless.

They are speechless because they have had the misfortune not to have been elected to a student body office.

The Associated Student Body Executive Council meets each Tuesday at noon to, among other things, spend student money—money derived from the sale of parking stickers.

The speechless ones sit in the gallery at these meetings and watch the debate on how this money is being spent.

This situation has not always been so. During previous student government administrations any student who sat in the gallery had an opportunity to voice his opinion in debate—on any motion that was before the council.

Star believes that these gallery privileges should be returned to the students. Many who come to the meetings quite often have more expertise on a given subject than do the elected officers, and it is the council's responsibility to hear as many sides of a given issue as possible. The reason for changing the ground rules at ASB meetings, early last semester when the Gallery privileges were suspended, was that debate from the gallery slowed the orderly flow of the meetings.

Star's opinion is that this is a very poor excuse when student monies and the basic precepts of free speech are involved.

Unfortunately the Executive Council does not plan to stop at gallery privileges. They are also contemplating the removal of Community and Student Forums, which remain the only public access at ASB meetings.

At the very least, Star believes that the ground rules should be changed and free speech should be returned to the students and community.

What is really needed, however, is an ASB constitutional amendment that will guarantee the right of students to address the executive Council with grievances or suggestions.

Homing in on a Solution

In these strange times, it is readily apparent that simple solutions cannot solve complex problems.

Star believes, however, that County Supervisor Ed Edelman has achieved such a solution. The problem is the decline of affordable apartment housing in Los Angeles. The solution is the stimulation to build affordable apartments without government subsidies.

The key to all of this is a recent change in state law that will allow L.A. County to sell taxfree bonds and then lend this money to builders at much lower interest than with normal financing.

Since the bonds are tax free, the purchasers are willing to accept a lower rate of interest, allowing the county to act as a conduit of cheap money between lenders and developers. The liability lies with the borrowers, so it will cost taxpayers nothing.

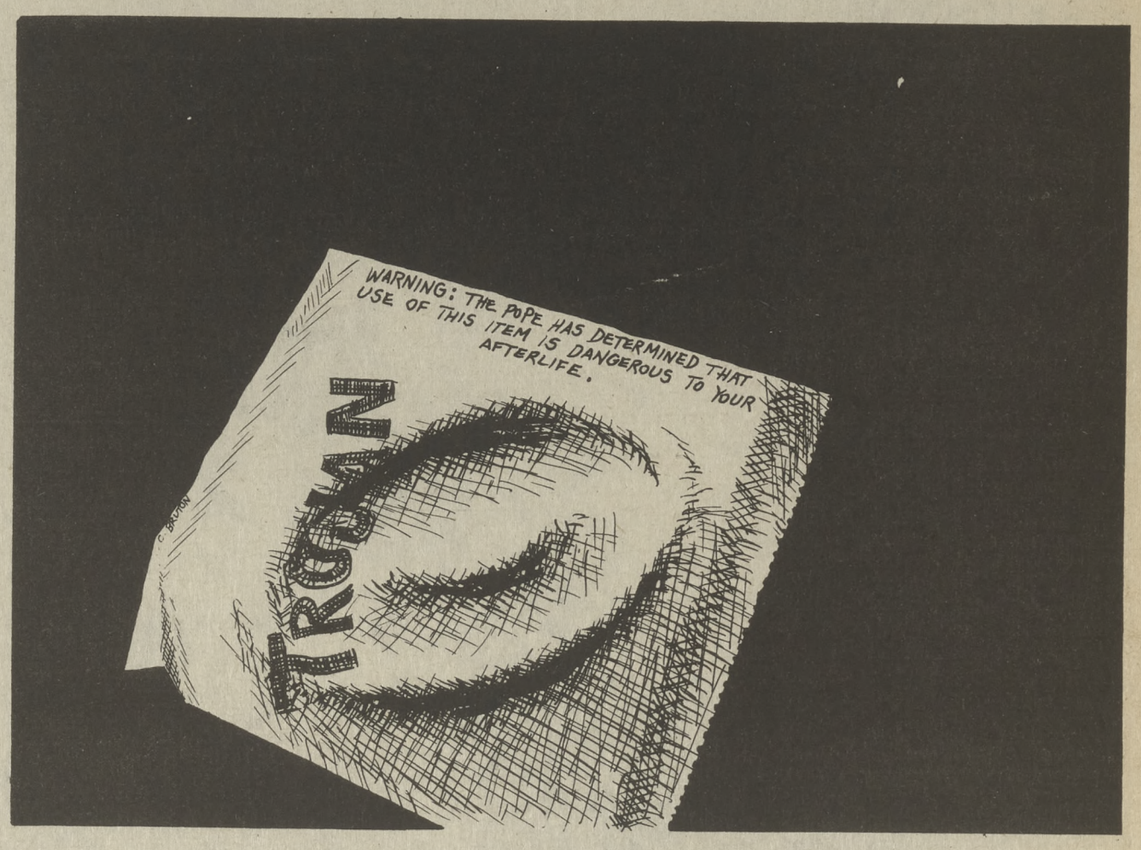
There are strings attached, though. A developer who takes advantage of the bond financing must reserve 30 percent of the development for low rent housing (20 percent for incomes of less than $7,500, and 10 percent for those making less that $12,000 annually).

The projected rent for a two-bedroom apartment under this proposal is $250 per month. The other 70 percent of the development would be rented at market rates.

County officials have estimated that 3,000 new rental units per year are needed just to keep the housing crunch from worsening, yet in 1980 only 1,000 new units were built.

It is easy to see that, if the mumber of apartments is not dramatically increased, Los Angeles will have a crises on its hands.

Star believes that Edelman's proposal is a viable one and wishes it success.



COMMENTARY

Armed but not Alarmed

By JOHN ROBERTS
Staff Writer

The controversy over gun control, particularly in the area of handguns, has raged for years. I rather resent police officials, anti-gun groups, and individuals taking it upon themselves to decide whether I can own a gun.

The anti-gun people claim murder and other crime rates would drop if guns weren't easily accessible. Perhaps. A gun is convenient for crime, but it must be remembered it's the person, not the gun, who commits a crime. Organized crime members and professional criminals wouldn't be stopped by gun control laws. Their weapons are usually untraceable and are often stolen from the arms manufacturers and government armories.

If street gangs can't get a pistol, a knife, icepick, or broken bottle will suffice. The same goes for unpremeditated murderers. If a person is going to kill, he's going to use whatever is handy. How many of the infamous sick killers in the news used guns? Bruno Hauptmann, Richard Speck, and Charles Manson used other methods. A gun control law will not stop a disturbed mind.

The police would love to be the only ones allowed guns since it would be a step toward a police state. From their recent record of shooting unarmed persons, the police have a nerve in saying who should be allowed guns.

Many view the national Rifle Association and its sympathizers as gun toting buddies ready to blow away anyone crossing their path. The NRA's supporters and lobbyists are only trying to protect one of our constitutional rights: the right to bear arms. If that right is taken away, who knows what right will be snatched away next?

It's a comforting thought to have a gun to use against the increasing number of criminals and unbalanced minds, just in case the home is violated. That doesn't mean the trigger needs to be pulled once an intruder is spotted. Gangsters nicknamed guns "persuaders" because the sight of a gun is enough of a threat.

What if America is invaded? Impossible! Big joke! I'm a young man with many years left in a violent world growing more explosive everyday. Too many countries are growing militarily, and too many dislike America. The Vietnam disaster and the Iranian crisis are signs of American vulnerability. Peace and non-violence is wonderful but the rest of the world isn't buying that message. If the impossible ever occurs, I want to defend myself, not be marched off to a place like Dachau because of gun control laws.

I suggest the anti-gun supporters shift their efforts to other avenues of stopping crime. More pressure on the police to stop wasting time hassling kids smoking a joint and crack down on serious offenses. More pressure on the courts to stop coddling the guilty with light sentences.

A person may think twice about killing with the threat of the death penalty.

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from its readers.

Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space consideration. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing that are obscene, libelous or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

OFF THE WALL

The Whole Truth

By T. S. YMOUS
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what happens when an editor for this paper doesn't have enough copy to fill up the page? Well, I certainly have.

In that particular case (should it ever arrive), is what we call in the newspaper trade as a desperate situation.

Just thinking about this sort of a situation reminds me of my aunt Martha. She was a brilliant newswoman, Martha was. Well, any how, she always had these three-inch holes she had to fill at deadline.

Boy. Martha could come up with the craziest ideas about how to fill holes, and every time this happened her editor used to scream at Martha "Martha," he'd say, Go take a flying

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VIEWPOINT

Debate Reaction Heated

By BENJAMIN J. HOLLOMBE
Staff Writer

I congratulate the Black Students Union.

In observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, Jan. 15, 1981, they sponsored a debate "Who Are God's Chosen People?" The event took on special significance when Jewish people and the people of Islam came together in commemoration of a martyred Christian.

All of the paraphenalia of a major happening was there—television cameras, lights, audio equipment, and still cameras. In the audience were white-turbaned women and well-dressed, bow-tied men of the Muslim community, as well as the college community at large.

Ken Ashberg, vice-president of B.S.U., opened the meeting and introduced the speakers: Rabbi Jerry Goldstein, Hillel; Prof. Zev Garber, Jewish Studies Department, LAVC; and Dr. Maleek Rashadeen, West Coast representatives of Elisha Muhamid. He is also professor of Pan Arabic studies, Cal State, L.A.

Ashberg set the tone, "We are here to learn."

I settled back in my seat and took notes from the remarks of the first two speakers. When Dr. Rashadeen got up to speak, I looked forward to learning something about the Muslims.

As the lecture unfolded, I became aware of deep-seated hatred—not only directed against "so called Jews" but all people who were of a different faith. I could understand personal pride and sense of identity, but when Dr. Rashadeen mimicked the Jews who spoke with a "vee" instead of a "W," I realized that there was nothing more to learn. To protest this blatant anti-semetic display, I walked out.

In today's climate of hatred all over the world, it is small wonders that there is not only religious violence—desecration of synagogues and churches—but also mindless civil violence. Is our society becoming so fragmented that there is no occasion for a friendly handshake between people of different color or religious beliefs? Do past wrongs and injustices have to be redressed by putting someone else down before they can raise themselves up? Can there be a common ground of tolerance and mutual respect?

Not by resorting to the outmoded tactics of Hitler's Nazis.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

President Reacts

I deeply regret the Martin Luther King program in which an outside speaker, Mr. Maleek Rashadeen, made verbal attacks on one ethnic group. I feel equal regret over slurs directed toward any racial or ethnic group. In an acadmic community as diverse as ours, we have a special responsibility to understand each other's differences and appreciate each other's strengths.

We believe in freedom of expression. Board Rules insure that this may take place. The crux, however, is in the manner of expression. First, it must be appropriate to a college community; reasoned dialogue on any issue should be encouraged. Second, language and materials used must not be vulgar of profane, vulgar being defined in Board Rules as "that which is lewd, profane, coarse, crude, or offensive." These criteria for free expression are, in my judgment, fair and reasonable.

Sponsorship of guest speakers does not imply approval or endorsement of the views expressed, either by the sponsoring group or by the College. However, clubs who invite guest speakers to the campus have a legal as well as moral responsibility to make sure that the right to freedom of expression is not abused.

Dr. Alice Thurston
President, LAVC

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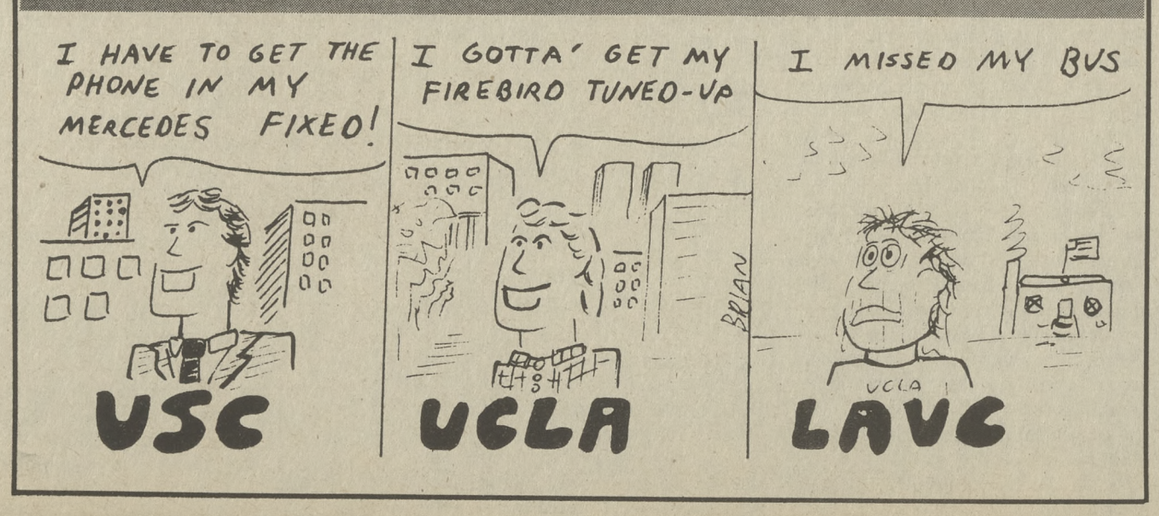

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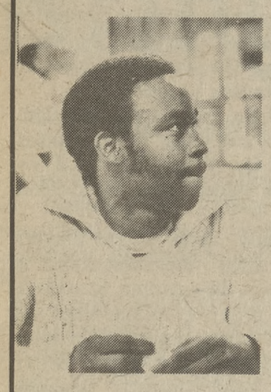
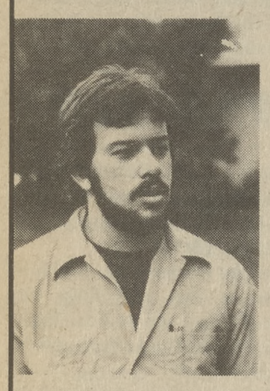


"There's nothing you can really do. If they were trying to do something earlier, they would have been killed. There is no point now that they're back."

Arnold Thompson
Undecided Major

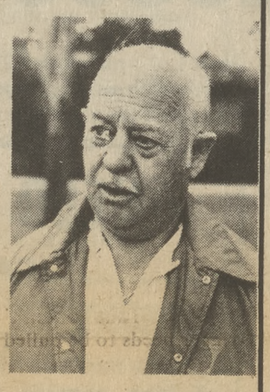
"I thought it was pretty crummy for them to wait until Reagan became president. I'm not really happy with Iran. They're kidnappers and should be treated as such. But, I don't know what to do about it."

Cathy Selsor
Undecided Major



"I don't know. Some action should be taken towards Iran — political or military, whatever. Carter should have blown the hell out of them a long time ago."

Mark Spector
Business Major



"Now that they're home, I think no, looking at the overall picture of Iran, the CIA, and the Shah. Now that it's over with."

Jack Greene
Law Major

"Iran has need to continue relations with the United States. They don't like political interference. Just leave things as they are. Why should they do anything?"

M.H.
Biology Major

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Voters, Candidates in Short Supply

By ERIN L. MOORE
Staff Writer

Six offices were filled and six left vacant in the Spring 1981 ASB Executive Council elections held Jan. 12, 13, and 14. Only 2.6 percent of the 10,479 eligible students chose to vote.

The winners were Chief Justice, Rodger Smith; commissioner of campus improvements, Lisa Perez; commissioner of Evening Division, Steve Llanusa; commissioner of public relations, Alan F. Seiffert; commissioner of scholastic activities, William Yankes; and commissioner of intramural sports and athletics, Dave Norton.

Commissioner of Evening Division, and commissioner of scholastic activities were the only offices that ran opposed.

Positions still open are commissioner of social activities, commissioner of Black ethnic studies, commissioner of Chicano ethnic studies, commissioner of Jewish ethnic studies, commissioner of special limitations, and commissioner of elections.

Applications for unfilled offices are available in CC 100. Applicants must have a 2.0 or better GPA, and paid ASB membership, and must be carrying nine units or more. Deadline is Feb. 17 at 11 a.m.

Those qualifying will be voted on by the ASB Executive Council.

Retiring Librarian Checking Self Out

By PATTY MAZZONE
Copy Editor

She was at Valley College the day it opened.

However, after 31 years, June Biermann, professor of library science, retired last week to dedicate more time to providing diabetes information.

"I wanted to be free to participate in national speaking engagements," she said.

Biermann, 58, is a diabetes educator and lectures to diabetic groups throughout the country.

The librarian first became interested in the subject 14 years ago when she discovered she had the disease.

A few years ago, Biermann and Barbara Toohey, also a professor of library science at Valley, established a service for diabetics and their families called Sugarfree Center.

"I loved her because she had the courage to make a career change later in life," said Austin Conover, public information officer, "and I loved her for her dedication to diabetics. I am whole-heartedly behind her. I believe she will be missed."

Valley was Biermann's first library position.

"I learned on the job," she said. "Just jump in and swim. That's the best way to do it, I think."

The librarian believes, in this manner, one is free to develop because the task is entered with an open mind.

"She was absolutely the best librarian; the tops," said Prof. Marjorie F. Knapp, chairperson of the Library Science Department. "She was an inspiration to work with at the library. She gave guidance and had good common sense, as well as brilliance intellectually. She is also responsible for the excellence of the Valley College Library book collection."

Biermann stated that Valley has the second largest library in the Los Angeles Community College District. City College, established 20 years prior to Valley, has the largest.

"I was here when the first 25 books arrived. Now there are 120,000," she said with pride.

Until a couple of thousand books were acquired, the librarian said she could remember all the titles.

During her years on campus, Biermann has noticed a change in operational procedures.

"Valley is the opposite type of institution than it used to be," she said.

Suggestions in earlier times were made from the bottom up — from the students to the administration, explained the librarian. Now they come from the top down.

"We're not as free to make changes," said Biermann.

Her retirement reduces by half the number of original faculty members still teaching on campus. Philip S. Clarke, professor of mathematics, is now the only member who has been instructing since 1949.

Traveling is one of Biermann's loves.

She has been to Scandanavia and Hawaii more than a half-dozen times

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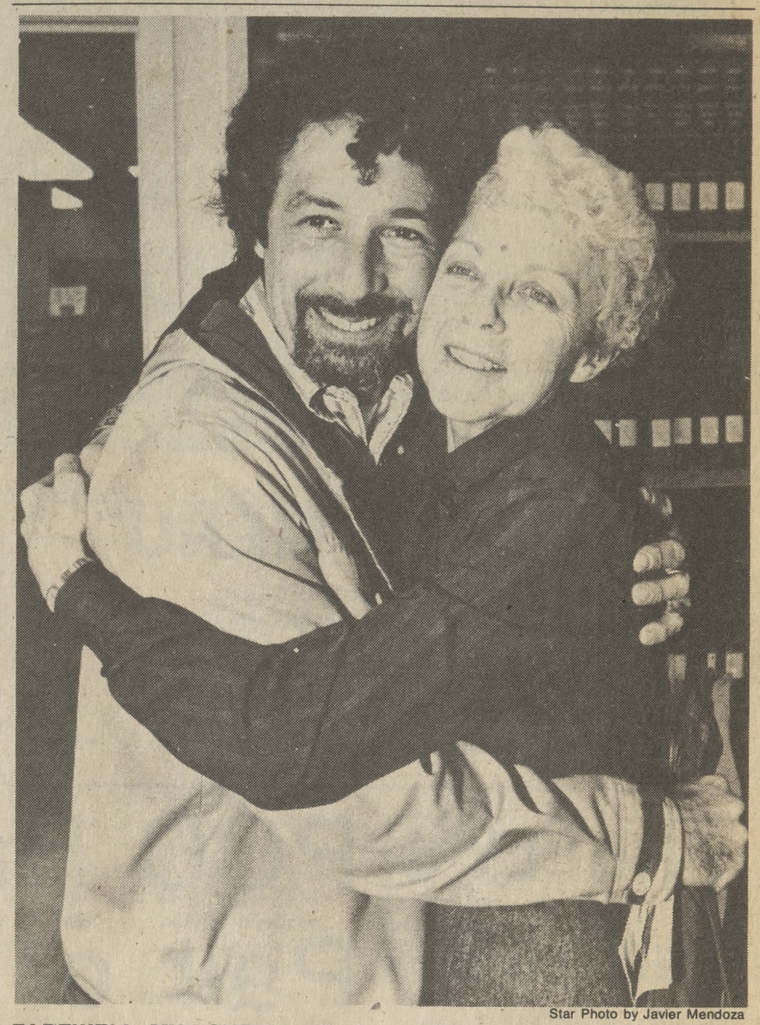

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FAREWELL, MY LOVELY — Professor Richard "Rattlesnake" Raskoff bids June Biermann a fond ado. Biermann, who has been a Valley librarian since its opening, is retiring after 31 years of service.

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Aquamen Dive Into Season

By MARK CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

"The whole idea is concentration during workouts," said Valley's swim coach, Mike Wiley. This idea must be working, because last season the Monarchs won Metro Conference. With the exception of one newcomer, 11 swimmers are returning.

"We have a good chance to win Conference, or at least be in the top ten in state," exclaimed Wiley, while reflecting on his teams future. It isn't hard to see why Wiley has so much confidence in his team. Of the present 12 man team, 10 went to State competition last season.

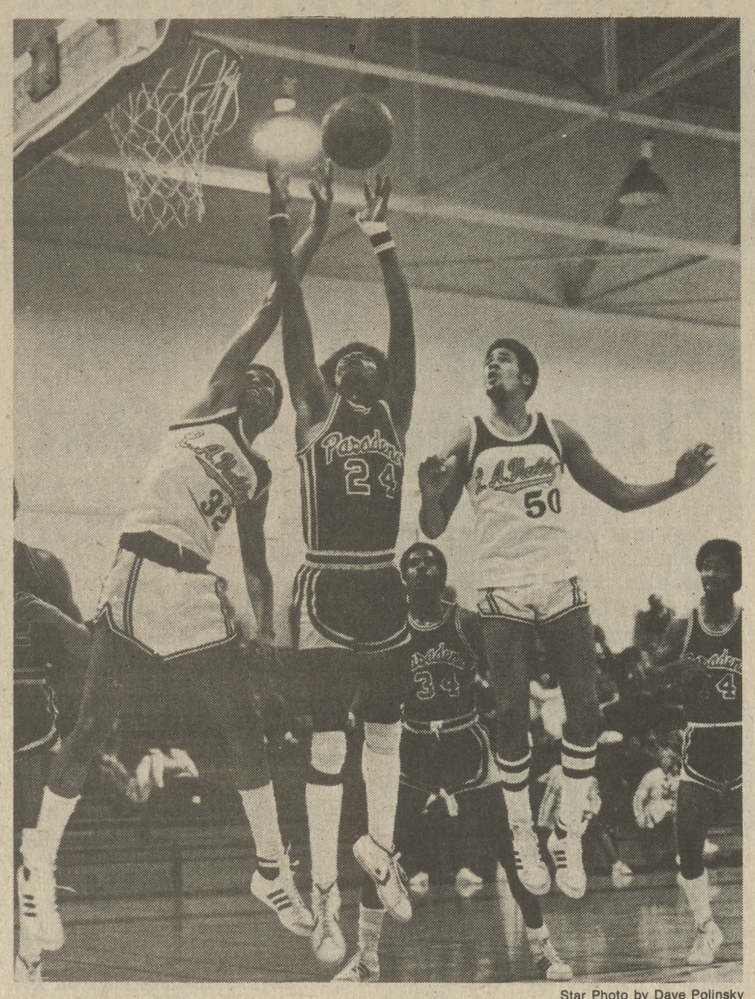
Returning swimmers are Randy Hoehn, sprinter; Gary Beall, sprinter; Jim Armstrong, breaststroke; Jim Roberts, butterfly; Bruce Mori, distance; Robin Hunt, backstroke; Jim Beaudry, breaststroke; Dave McJunkin, breaststroke, Carlo Spiga, sprinter; Todd Morse, breaststroke; Tom Tinney, and newcomer Steve Moseley.

The team has rigid workouts as is provided by the fact that on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, they swim 9,000 yards everyday, and on Tuesday and Thursday, 7,500 yards. All those laps make up a good deal of yardage in a 25 yard pool. Combined, it equals a total of 1,680 laps a week, which is all timed for speed improvement.

On Feb. 13, the Monarchs will be visiting Santa Monica for an Invitational relay. Then on Feb. 20, U.C.L.A. will meet Valley for a dual meet.

SPORTS MENU

Women's Basketball	Feb. 9	Alumni at Valley	7:30 p.m.
	Feb. 11	Cerritos at Valley	7:30 p.m.
Men's Gymnastics	Feb. 11	Community College Invitational at Pasadena	7 p.m.
Men's Volleyball	Feb. 7	All day Tournament at Valley	All Day
	Feb. 10	East Los Angeles at East Los Angeles	3:30 p.m.



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GET THAT BALL — Robby Roberts (32) goes for the rebound with Michael Williams (24) as James Fontenette (50) gets ready for the last break.

Pros Pick 11 LAVC Mittmen

By SHELLY SMILOVE
Sports Editor

The Monarch '81 baseball season has not even started, and yet 11 players were already selected to the pros in the January draft.

"I'm really proud to know that 11 of my guys were selected in the draft," said a smiling head baseball coach Dave Snow. "That is an all time record for any school."

The players were outfielder-third baseman Mark Frishman (Phillies) pitcher Gene Lambert (Giants), pitcher Larry Berthelson (Tigers), outfielder George Page (Orioles), outfielder Bob Lockwood (Giants), infielder Terry Quinn (Giants), infielder Doug Baker (A's), catcher Kent Testerman (Angels), infielder Keith Mucha (Brewers), pitcher John Stevens (Brewers), and infielder Craig Stevenson (Angels).

Most of the players will not sign, so that they can finish their season at Valley. Only pitcher Larry Berthelson signed with the Detroit Tigers.

"Normally, none of the players sign right away. Their best choice is to finish out their season at college and really improve, so that when the June draft comes around, they have more experience and have a better shot at a good contract," explains Snow.

VC Pucksters Beat Arch-Rival Oxy, 6-3

By SHELLY SMILOVE
Sports Editor

Just as things were looking down for the Monarch Hockey club, a royal flush popped up and they beat their arch-rivals, Occidental, 6-3.

The Monarchs were anxiety-ridden about facing the team that they won against last year for the championship in the SCCHA.

During the first and second periods of the bout, Oxy lead Valley, 3-2, but Valley came back in the final period.

Scoring star Joe Nyiradi notched three goals, two unassisted, to make the score 4-3, and took enough of a lead to assure a win. William Boyer and Mark Kessinger dealt the final blows to Oxy and made the score 6-3, a difficult, yet earned win.

Perhaps the reason the win was hard was the fact that Oxy was skating on foreign ice and managed to bring their own loud cheering section of 200.

The Monarchs skate next on Feb. 12, against Oxy once again. This time the Monarchs will travel to Occidental.

SHELLY'S SCOOP

Fan Support is non-existant at Valley. The football team was 0-6 in conference this year and at any time one counted approximately 100 fans.

All the other teams had great support from their fans. This tragedy is not only conducive to football. The trend runs through basketball, volleyball and water polo.

The worst is hockey. Most people on campus don't even know about the hockey team affiliated with Valley. This fact is certainly not due to lack of publicity. At a recent hockey game, the opposition brought about 200 fans with them, to an away game, while Valley had about 10. This is a sad figure, especially when the home team is trying to skate with only the sounds of Boo's in the background.

Well sports fans, show your support! All of the events are free with a paid I.D., so what is your excuse?

PCC Hands Monarch Cagers Pair of Metro League Losses

By JIM VERNOR
Staff Writer

Things have gone from bad to worse for the Monarch basketball team.

After being swept by Pasadena in two big games last week, 88-82 on Wednesday and 72-67 on Friday, Valley now owns a 14-10 record and a 2-5 mark in the Metro Conference. They have lost six of their last eight games after entering league at 12-4.

Nevertheless, Head Coach Jim Stephens remains optimistic about his squad.

"We played our hearts out against Pasadena," he said. "We hit them on a super night the first game and they beat us. The second game we made too many freshman mistakes. We played hard and that's all I can ask."

Valley's inexperience was apparent last Friday at Pasadena as they surrendered a 38-35 halftime lead to the Lancers (18-8, 5-2), who were sparked by forward Bob Steppes and guard Michael Russell.

With the Monarchs leading 56-51 with 12 minutes remaining, Pasadena went on a 10-4 tear to grab the lead for good at 61-60 following a basket by Russell.

Another basket by Russell and a hoop by Steppes made it 65-61, with four minutes left, and when Alan Hayes made it 65-63, free throws by Steppes and Russell clinched the win for the Lancers.

Steppes finished with a game-high 22 points, 13 in the second half, while Russell had 18 points. Robby Roberts led Valley with 18 points, on 6 of 9 shooting, and grabbed 11 rebounds. James Fontenette had 17 and James Perry and Mike Lopez each tallied 12 points.

Valley connected on 64 percent of its shots (28 of 44), while Pasadena shot 46 percent from the field (28 of 61). The Monarchs also held a 32-25 edge in rebounding. Pasadena won it at the free throw line, sinking 16 of 25 while Valley made 11 of 16.

Last Wednesday, Russell led a balanced scoring Lancer squad to a 88-82 victory over the Monarchs. Russell totaled 26 points, with Steppes and center Harold Odom scoring 17 and Walt Jackson 15. Perry had a career-high 25 points for Valley, with Roberts scoring 18 and Fontenette 16.

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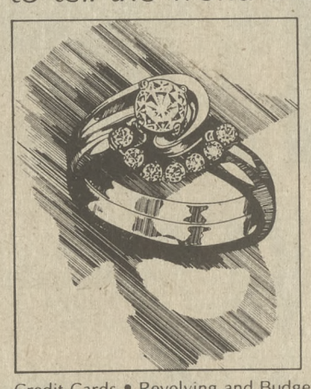
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Spring String Fling Brings Back Bach

By BRIAN DEAGON
News Editor

It was in the student bulletin: The Los Angeles Valley College Music Department presents a Guitar Ensemble Jan. 19, at the Music Recital Hall.

Because my background in music was limited mainly to rock'n'roll my eyes glanced across it with waning interest. As fate would have it, however, I would be at the concert.

In the Music Hall I noticed that more than guitars were involved. There was also a cello, a viola, two violins, and two flutes.

Every song title and artist was foreign to me, except for Johann Sebastian Bach and his name was only recognizable thanks to media hype. The ensemble was to perform Bach's Fugue in C Minor, and that drew an immediate blank.

For years I had been listening to the rock of David Bowie, Neil Young, Genesis, and the like. I knew their backgrounds like I knew my own. Now I was hearing music written by Nichelman, Dandrieu, Mayeur, and Vavaldi. So, with a bit of musical apprehensiveness, I slid into my chair and devoted my attention to the clear, crisp sounds of guitar that were flowing through the hall.

I began to hear music like I'd never heard before. The high-energy sound of electric rock guitar that I was so familiar with was no longer there. In its place was something quite intriguing, music with feeling and depth.

The difference became clearly evident; where rock'n'roll was like a huge gushing waterfall, the ensemble was like the trickle of a small stream. While the waterfall is impressive and practically demands your attention, the stream has the kind of beauty that each person finds for themselves.

And so I came to realize that I really didn't need a complete background of knowledge of the music I was hearing. All that was required was merely to listen, and enjoy.

Enjoy I did. I became totally oblivious to the fact that outside the Music Hall was a huge and complex world of cement, paper, steel, and people.

Inside, the music convinced me that a whole new world existed. The ensemble was thought-provoking and inspiring at times. It was also calm and restful and conjured up images of peace and solitude.

I left the Hall with an enlightened sense that I had been missing a lot of beautiful music. I knew I would return; I suggest you do, too.

Star Photo by Allson Wise

TRES BIEN ENSEMBLE — The LAVC Ensemble performed on campus Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the Music Recital Hall to such composers as Nichelman, Dandrieu, Mayeur, and Bach. Also included in the ensemble were violins, flutes, a cello, and a viola.

Fine Arts Callboard

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Today at 2 p.m. in C 100 the Senior Student Club presents Maury Green, author of "TV or Not TV." Admission is free.

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Tomorrow from 7 to 10 p.m. in the LAVC Art Gallery, a reception for photographer Edmund Teske will be held. Admission is free.

'BLACK HOLES'

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Planetarium, the Planetarium Lecture Series presents "Black Holes." Speaker is Stephen Fentress. Admission is $1, children 75 cents, Gold Card holders free.

MODERN CITY BALLET

Tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall the Modern City Ballet will perform with special guest artists Ka-Ron Brown and Judy Pace. The event is sponsored by Community Services. Admission $5, students $2.50, Gold Card holders free.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

Monday, Feb. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the LAVC Art Gallery a Photo Exhibit of Edmund Teske will be presented. Admission is free.

Katharine Hepburn Proves Disappointing In Newest Play 'The West Side Waltz'

By JOHN ROBERTS
Staff Writer

Katharine Hepburn was returned to the Music Center's Ahmanson Theater in a new play, "The West Side Waltz," written especially for her by Ernest Thompson. Without the attraction of Hepburn, this trivial and pointless play would be hard pressed to find an audience.

The focus is on the relationship between three women living in a Manhattan apartment building. Margaret Mary (Hepburn) is an elderly and feisty woman whose health is failing and is battling her pangs of loneliness.

Providing companionship are 50-year-old virgin Cara (Dorothy Loudon) and a young divorcee Robin (Regina Baff). The major question of the play is whether Robin will fall permanently into the lifestyle of the older women or break free to find a career and husband.

Thompson's purpose is vague. He touches on the subject of how tough modern times are on senior citizens but beyond that, fails to make a solid statement on any point. The characters lack depth and leave one wanting to know more about them.

"The West Side Waltz" is billed as a comedy. The humor is stale and obvious with the ethnic behavior of the building superintendant, Margaret Mary's sarcastic remarks and perplexity over modern terminology, and Cara's tittering over the subject of sex. It's the kind of comedy that may bring laughter at the moment but later comes the realization that the comedy was cheap and hallow.

The play contains six scenes, one too many. The final scene contains only one bit of pertinent information that could have been written into the preceding scene. Removing scene six would be an enormous improvement as scene five reaches the play's emotional peak and is Thompson's best work.

Audiences seem to be thrilled by Hepburn's mere presence. That's fine but the Hepburn aura must be broken through to get at the heart of her performance. For the last 10 years, Hepburn has chosen to portray characters that are similar to her own personality and Margaret Mary is no exception.

Hepburn's performance has a lack of dimension and artistic growth and she appears content to walk through the part giving little effort in pleasing her adoring public. Loudon does her best to create a good performance from a poorly conceived character and Baff actually steals a few scenes from Hepburn.

Director Noel Willman has failed to wrench a new acting facet from Hepburn and maintains too slow a pace. The large living room set successfully captures the mood of being inhabited by an old woman.

"The West Side Waltz" is only worth seeing for its superstar. No matter what the material's quality is or how good the performance is, it's a rare opportunity to see Hepburn on stage.

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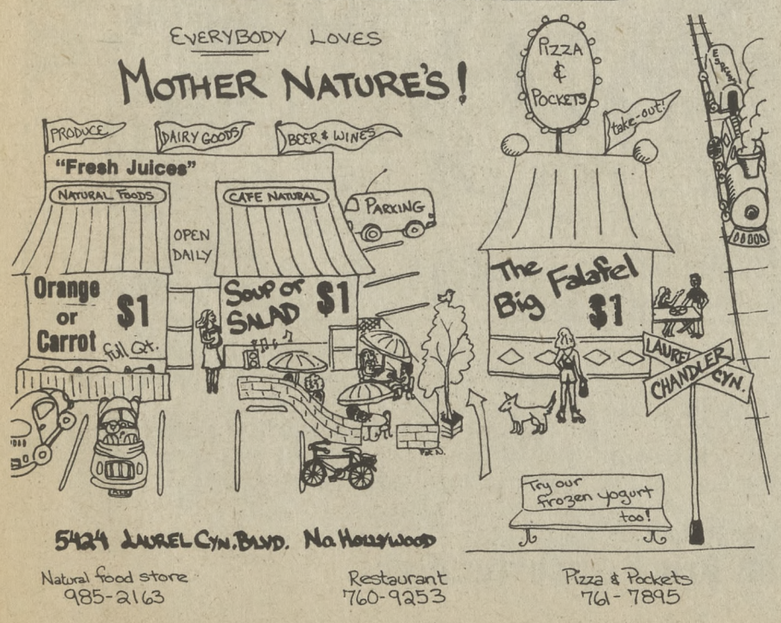

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The program at Valley involves the upgrading of Licensed Vocational Nurses into Registered Nurse classifications. Sixty LVN's who are currently employed by L.A. County will participate in the program.

Valley's program is titled the Joint Nursing Upward Mobility Project and involves a Grant of $197,639 from the County and approximately $140,000 in matching funds from the district.

Clubs

DANCE CLUB

The Dance Club will hold auditions for its Spring '81 Dance Concert in April. Dancers, actors, and mimes are needed. For more information contact Alan Seiffert at Ext. 361.

GAY STUDENTS COALITION

Valley College Gay Students Coalition announces the formation of a Gay Speakers Bureau. The bureau will provide speakers to discuss homosexuality, lesbianism, and gay life styles. For further information contact Bob May in CC 102.

REAGAN AND ISRAEL

"How Does the Reagan Administration View Israel?" will be presented by the Students Concerned for Israel Club on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in H 101. John Rothman is the guest speaker. Students are invited to have lunch with Rothman at the Hillel House after the meeting.

HILLEL

Hillel invites all students to the first meeting of the semester, today at 11 a.m. in H 101. Come and plan programs, strategies, events, and approaches for the spring semester.

JEWISH NURSES

The Jewish Nurses Group of Hillel will hold its meeting today at 3 p.m. in E 113d. "Judaism and Caring for the Ill" will be discussed with Rabbi Jerry Goldstein.

MIDDLE EAST

The Senior Students Club will present Prof. Sol Modell on "The Reagan Administration and the Middle East" at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, in C 100.

PROJECT RENEWAL UPDATE

Marcia Weisbert from the United Jewish Welfare Fund will discuss the Project Renewal Update Musrara, Jerusalem, Wednesday, Feb. 11, in H 102 at 1 p.m.

Remedial Programs Rapped; Tougher Standards Foreseen

By ERIN L. MOORE
Staff Writer

Remedial programs are becoming the "main stream" of community college education, stated Dr. Leslie Koltai, chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, at a recent address to the ASB Executive Council.

This is just one facet of a problem he calls the "open door" college. Difficulty in transfering credits and a more diverse student body are other aspects to the issue.

He attributed the increase in remedial programs to a lack of fundamental education in high schools.

Comparing the teaching community to auto manufacturers, Koltai, smiling, said, "In the next three to five years maybe we will ask the high schools to recall their graduates."

As a result of four-year colleges and universities seeking more control over the transferability of credits, the chancellor commented, "There is a possibility in the future you will see more restrictive academic standards at Valley."

Koltai called the recent return of the 52 American hostages "very significant" to the academic world, and said, "We have to develop a relationship with foreign students in general, and with Iranian students in particular."

He feels faculty members may need to deal differently with today's students, who tend to be more diverse in age, race, and background.

"People learn differently; they study differently; and their work habits are different," said Koltai. "We need to retrain our faculty to deal with a more varied group."

Referring to the recent problems at Valley concerning grade irregularities, he emphasized, "I believe in the quality of grades (at Valley)."

The chancellor also encouraged the formation of a faculty-student forum to discuss problems on campus.

"I believe it is imperative that you develop an atmosphere on this campus so that such irregularities can never happen again," stressed Koltai. "You have too much invested in your studies and grades."

When questioned why he did not attend the Jan. 9 press conference concerning the investigation of grade irregularities at Valley, Koltai said he felt it was a "Valley College matter" and would be handled best at the local level.

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each, taken an extended stay in Japan, lived in Mexico for six months, and been all through Europe.

"I believe in living my dreams. I don't delay them. That's a mistake most people make," she said. "If you don't do it when you have the opportunity, you will never do it."

One dream she had was to take a biking trip in Holland. Last year she fulfilled it — and in style. She rode 50 miles in one day.

At that time Biermann said she made a promise to herself. On her 60th birthday she will return to Holland and again ride 50 miles during one day.

"I know I can do it," she said.

In addition to traveling, Biermann will continue to spend part of her time writing books and articles with her partner, Toohey. So far they have written 12 books, four on diabetes. The book they are currently working on is also about diabetes.

She is an avid reader too.

Books help one to grow, learn, or change, stated the librarian. People can find information on any subject or read just for enjoyment.

"Students put me in touch with as many good books as I've put them in touch with, she said.

Kurt Vonnegut Jr., whose work was introduced to her by a student, has become one of Biermann's favorite authors.

Another author Biermann enjoys is Alan Watts, who writes about Eastern thinking, a topic of particular interest to the librarian.

So much so that the day after her retirement she and Toohey, who is sabbatical this year, left for a three-week vacation in Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon).

"She was a very valuable member of our faculty and founder of our library," said Dr. James Dodson who taught on campus from 1949 to 1975, and now is curator of Valley's Historical Museum. "We owe a lot to her as one of our first faculty members and our first librarian. She will be missed."

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. . . Grade Policy

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report. It would be a beneficial option for the class but would mean extending the time period for completion of class work.

"RD" is for administrative use only. It will be used when an instructor is ill or a computer breaks down.

Districts will be required to publish probation and dismissal policies and procedures. They will have to make every reasonable effort to notify students of impending probation and/or dismissal actions, of their removal from such conditions, and to provide counseling for them.

The new regulations were adopted by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges after a study by a California State Academic Standards Committee. A district-wide committee is working to adapt the state regulations into a uniform grading standard for the LACCD. Valley has been represented by recommendations sent in to the committee by the deans of instruction and the deans of students.

"Hopefully, we will receive the committee's decision on the new standards by May so they can be printed in the catalog for summer school," stated Mazor.

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